

# FIRE IN MAN'S VEST POCKET.

Combination of Potash Lozenges and Safety Matches Starts a Blaze.

An English family doctor tells this story: "I was hastily summoned one morning to the offices of a well-known city merchant. He had been quietly writing at his desk, when to his amazement and alarm he found his waistcoat blazing furiously. Although he dashed it off in an instant he had been burned severely, and when I arrived and had treated his injuries we were both of us much puzzled to find a cause for the sudden outburst. But investigation showed that he was in the habit of carrying loosely in his watch pocket two or three of the tiny potash lozenges which so many people find useful for a sore throat. Among these he had thoughtlessly thrust a box of safety matches, the covering of which forms with potash a chemical combination which the slightest friction will set into a blaze.

"Unfortunately, too, his gold watch was protected by one of the common cases of transparent celluloid, which is nothing but a form of highly explosive gun-cotton, so that in fact he had innocently formed in his waistcoat pocket one of the most dangerous and powerful powder magazines known to science."

## SIGNALING AT NIGHT.

Successful Experiment with Kite and Search Light, at Bayonne, New Jersey.

A system of night signaling with flags held up by kites and lighted by a suspended search-light was tried some time ago at Bayonne, N. J., says Electricity.

The search-light was of about 100 candle power, and was suspended within a few feet of the flags. The light was sent up at a quarter to seven o'clock, hung two feet below the flags, each of which was two feet square. Both light and flags were supported by one nine-foot and one seven-foot kite. The flags were fastened to the kite cable by perpendicular staffs. To light the flags the search-light was rigidly braced on the kite cable in such a position that it pointed straight skyward. As the kites carried the cable upward, the glare of the fiery pencil passed beneath the flying kites and upward into space. The rapid fluttering of the flags caused the effect of a stream of blue, white and red fire, extending 10 or 12 feet beyond the search-light reflector.

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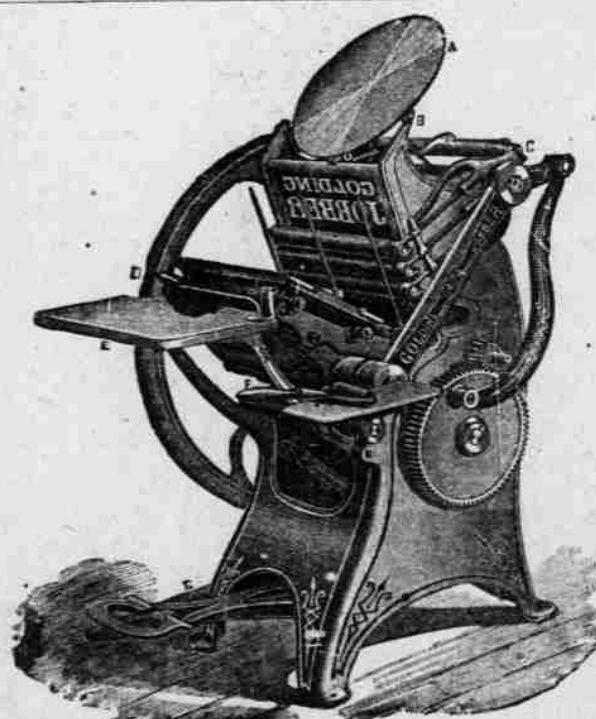
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